

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method for manufacturing an absorbent body, ~~wherein comprising:~~

transferring a stripe-shaped absorbent body base, including an absorbent element obtained by mixing at least pulp with super absorbent polymer, ~~is sent and transferred~~ through a pair of rollers that are provided to be opposed to each other with a predetermined distance therebetween, wherein at least one of the rollers is a press print processing roller that has a plurality of processing projections with a predetermined layout on a circumference surface; and

10 ~~forming~~ a plurality of linear pattern elements ~~are formed~~ on at least one surface of the absorbent body base, wherein the linear pattern elements are formed by being squeezed by the processing projections so as to have a groove-like shape ~~when seen from the top, and wherein~~ the plurality of linear pattern elements are individually spaced from one another and dispersed in a staggered manner;

15 ~~cutting the absorbent body base to have a predetermined size after the linear pattern elements are formed,~~

20 ~~wherein the linear pattern elements are formed in a shape so that an orientation angle, which is a degree of inclination of~~

the linear pattern elements to a transfer direction of the absorbent body base, is 50 degrees or less at any portion; and wherein the linear pattern elements are arranged so that a predetermined number of the linear pattern elements are formed on each straight line extending in a width direction orthogonal to the transfer direction of the absorbent body base, and so that the linear pattern elements have a fixed distance thereamong in the width direction.

2. (Currently Amended) The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the press print processing roller forms the linear pattern elements by squeezing the absorbent body base with a linear pressure of 5.56 to 13.89 kgf/cm. are arranged so that number of the linear pattern elements on any of straight line that extend in a width direction orthogonal to a transfer direction of the absorbent body base is equal, and so that the linear pattern elements have a fixed distance thereamong in the width direction.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) An absorbent body for a disposable diaper manufactured by the manufacturing method of claim 1, wherein:

the absorbent element is filled into a storage bag obtained  
5 by sealing edge parts of a liquid-permeable sheet of the  
absorbent body base provided with the linear pattern elements;

the plurality of linear pattern elements ~~having a linear~~  
~~have the groove like~~ shape when ~~being~~ seen from ~~the top and~~ are  
arranged ~~to have spaces thereamong~~ in a the dispersed and  
10 staggered manner to have spaces thereamong while the absorbent  
~~element is squeezed until its absorption performance almost~~  
~~disappears~~; and

an area in the absorbent body base in which the linear  
pattern elements are not formed ~~have~~ has a predetermined  
15 thickness of 3 mm or less.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The absorbent body for ~~a the~~  
disposable diaper according to claim 4, wherein the ~~plurality of~~  
linear pattern elements are formed in an S-shape so that each of  
orientation angles to the transfer direction is 50 degrees or  
5 less at respective positions, and the linear pattern elements are  
arranged in the dispersed and staggered manner. ~~concavely on both~~  
~~faces of the absorbent body base so as to be opposed to one~~  
~~another with the same layout.~~

7. (New) The absorbent body for the disposable diaper according to claim 4, wherein the linear pattern elements are inclined to either right or left directions with an orientation angle of substantially 45 degrees to the transfer direction of  
5 the absorbent body base, and

wherein pattern rows of the plurality of linear pattern elements intermittently arranged with a first inclination direction along the transfer direction having a fixed distance thereamong are arranged in the width direction orthogonal to the  
10 transfer direction, and pattern rows having a second inclination direction are alternately provided along the width direction, and wherein respective two neighboring pattern rows in the width direction are arranged so that each pattern row is dislocated by a distance between the linear pattern elements neighboring in the  
15 transfer direction.

8. (New) The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the linear pattern elements are formed in a linear shape.